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### BISHOP PHARES W. DUNYON PASSES

Phares W. Dunyon passed away at his home in Berkeley March 23rd. He was sixty-three years old and is survived by his wife, Lois L., two daughters, and four grandchildren, all residents of Berkeley.



Bishop Dunyon was born at Tooele, Utah, where he received his elementary education. He received his higher education at the University of Utah and taught school a number of years. In his young manhood he served a mission to the State of Kansas. Later he went into business, and was associated with the McDonald Candy Company for over thirty years.

Bishop Dunyon and his family moved to Berkeley from Salt Lake City in 1920, and has resided here continuously ever since. When the Berkeley Branch was organized in 1925 he and his wife made the first contribution towards

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### PROFESSOR HERBERT E. BOLTON SPEAKS IN BERKELEY WARD

Berkeley Ward was very fortunate on the evening of March 12th, in having as the speaker of the evening, Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, of the University of California. Dr. Bolton, who is Dean of the School of History at the State institution, came to Berkeley Ward under the auspices of the Deseret Club.

Dr. Bolton, in the course of his remarks, paid a very fine tribute to Brigham Young, stating that Brigham Young was one of the very greatest colonizers the world has ever known.

The subject of Dr. Bolton's address was "The Pan-American Peace Conference." The speaker attended this conference held at Peru, and his talk was most interesting and educational, and delighted a large and appreciative audience.

President Eugene Hilton was in attendance and spoke briefly, expressing to Dr. Bolton the appreciation of the Deseret Club and the Berkeley Ward for his presence there.

### PLANS LAID FOR M MEN-GLEANERS CONVENTION

Plans are taking definite shape as preparations are being completed for the second annual Northern California M Men-Gleaners convention to be held May 27 to 30 with the Oakland Stake acting as host to the other stakes and the California Mission. The Stake Presidency in accepting the responsibility of the convention has also written to the other Stake presidencies concerned inviting their cooperation and interest in the convention. The Stake M. I. A. officers and M Men-Gleaner officers are working out plans and details that promise to make this an outstanding youth conference.

The Deseret Club is cooperating and will have a club convention in connection with the youth conference, with many representatives from other Deseret Clubs in the state taking

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### GREEN AND GOLD BALL SUCCESSFUL



Leslie Kimball,  
Hayward  
Norma Hill,  
Vallejo  
Marjorie Briggs,  
Dimond  
Jane Lowry,  
Claremont  
Maurine Christensen,  
Alameda  
Aloha Hamilton,  
Oakland  
Grace Richards,  
Berkeley  
Betty Nott,  
Martinez  
Lileth Jean Tidwell,  
Richmond  
Maxine Holder,  
Elmhurst

### STAKE WELFARE PROGRAM FORGES AHEAD

The special call to activity contained in the Message of Stake Presidency in this issue of THE MESSENGER launches a new phase of the Church Welfare Program in the Oakland Stake. The accomplishments of those who have aided in any way in giving us a proper place for operations will be long remembered. The work is a distinct credit to the Stake and to the Church as well.

Many of the San Francisco Stake and Oakland Stake Welfare workers met Sunday, March 19 at the Oakland Chapel in a Regional Council meeting. Harold B. Lee, Manager of the General Church Committee, was present and gave important instructions. Plans and estimates of contributions to the program during the coming season were discussed. A notable feature of the session was the presenting of a new illustrated record in the language of President McKay. It sets forward the basic principles of the program and encouraged all to renewed activity in carrying it forward.

Oakland Stake is planning to gather and recondition clothing, household goods, etc., which are so much needed in some of the inter-mountain Stakes. We hope also to furnish some canned fruits and vegetables, and if possible, some fish, either salted, canned or dried. Thus far no fish have been prepared for use in the program and we are anxious for those who have had experience in this field, or who have dependable knowledge to come forward.

### COMING EVENTS

April 7—Missionary Farewell for Ralph Lauper, Dimond Ward.  
April 29—Stake Primary Festival, Berkeley Ward.  
May 27-30—Second annual M Men-Gleaner Convention, Oakland Stake as host to other Northern California stakes and missions.

What is believed to be the most successful Stake Social since the division of the East and West Bay areas into Oakland and San Francisco Stakes, was held at the Scottish Rite Temple, March 10, 1939, when nearly seven hundred people attended the Green and Gold Ball, honoring the Queens who were chosen by their various wards as the most representative and popular girls in the Wards. The Queens, who formed the foyer reception committee, looked very lovely in their beautiful gowns.

Miss Maurine Christensen of Alameda was chosen Queen of the Green and Gold Ball, and was presented for coronation with a gorgeous pageant preceded by a floor show of picturesque dancing. Gay Dawn Hughes was the flower girl, Louanne Wright and Martha Janet Eagen were train bearers and Julia Caine acted as crown bearer. The pageantry was directed by Mrs. Maybelle Anderson and the

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### OAKLAND CROWNED CHURCH-WIDE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Oakland Ward M Men basketball team won the Church-wide championship at Salt Lake City last Saturday by defeating the Eighteenth Ward of Salt Lake City in the final by a score of 41 to 28. The team members and their coach, Garney Johnson, are to be congratulated on this high achievement. They reached the final round only after three other hard fought and rather closely played games. In the earlier games they defeated Weber by only one point, 39-38; Wasatch, 39-27, and Ogden, 39-28. It seems 39 was their lucky number in '39.

A determined rally in the last quarter of the game gave the Oakland team the championship as they scored 15 points to their opponents four. The first quarters of the game were very close, with Oakland leading by only two at the close of the third quarter.

The boys who accompanied Coach Johnson to Salt Lake were the following: Dexter Larsen, Stake M Men president; Earl Margetts, Jim Margetts, Jack Shields, Regie Hurley, John Wilkins, Hector Gardner and Ted McBride.



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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he  
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord  
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his  
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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## LIBRARY ADVANTAGES

To those among the 4000 members in the Oakland Stake, who have not been interested in Genealogical work, we sincerely hope that a few will read this article, and that it may cause someone to stop and ponder for a few moments.

Just how many of those 4000 know anything about their ancestry, beyond their great-grandparents?

Genealogical research, as a rule does not require much money, but rather a desire to do something for their departed dead. By earnest efforts a way may be opened up whereby much may be accomplished.

Since the beginning of time it has been customary for people in every land to keep records. Read the fourth chapter of Malachi, fifth and sixth verses, first Corinthians, 15th chapter, 29th verse, and 110th chapter of Doctrine and Covenants, 14th to 16th verses.

The Prophet Joseph Smith has said, "That the greatest responsibility that rests upon this people is to look after their dead."

The people of Oakland Stake are fortunate to have access to splendid libraries, such as: In San Francisco, The Suto Genealogical Branch at the corner of Larkin and McAllister; The Mayflower Library on Kearney Street, the Library of California Genealogical Society in Room 327 of S. A. R. Building at the corner of Van Ness and McAllister. In Oakland, the Public Library at 14th and Grove, and in Berkeley, the University of California Library.

If any of you are interested in your family records, the Oakland Stake Board of Genealogy stand ready and willing to give you assistance. Bring your problems to Union Meeting at Moss Avenue each fourth Sunday of the month. Let us help you.

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL

Alameda: O. Leslie Stone, Wayne E. Maynev.  
Berkeley: Don C. Wood, Nathan G. Tolman.  
Claremont: Wm. J. Nielsen, Kendall Thomas.  
Dimond: Ralph S. Barney, Hugh P. Anderson.  
Elmhurst: Eugene Hilton.  
Hayward: Clyde J. Summerhays.  
Martinez: Victor Lindblad, Eugene B. Jacobs.  
Oakland: W. Glenn Harmon.  
Richmond: Grant Ellis, I. B. Ball.  
Vallejo: Claude M. Dewarup, William E. Potts.  
Pittsburg: Don J. Alphin, Delbert F. Wright.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE  
PRESIDENCY

Attention all who are interested in the Church Welfare Program.  
Special Attention Bishops, Quorum officials and Relief Society officers.

We are happy to report that we are now ready to move forward another step in our Church Welfare Program. The Stake Storehouse-Workshop and Custodian's Cottage are near enough finished to permit their use. Brother and Sister J. T. Lattimer of the Claremont ward have been called to act as Custodians and Work directors.

The time has come for us to gather materials on which to work. We are accordingly asking all who would like to see the welfare program succeed to co-operate in the following plan:

A big drive for materials is set for the week of April 10-15. We ask all members and friends to contribute any materials they can spare—clothing, shoes, bedding, food, furniture, stoves, dishes, cooking utensils, books, magazines, newspapers (bundled), tools—anything in fact that you are willing to devote to this cause. These materials will be reconditioned and used as needed locally and in the church welfare program elsewhere. This will be part of our contribution to those of our brethren and sisters who are in need of the things we can spare.

We ask that Bishops launch the drive through the ward Welfare Committee. This will provide for the active cooperation of members, officers of the Priesthood and Relief Society officials.

All material should be given a whole-sale value by the Bishop and credited to the contributors as contributions to the Welfare Program. They are to be brought to the Stake Storehouse-Workshop on Guild Street, near 98th Avenue. (Go east on East 14th Street to 98th Avenue, and turn right.) The Stake truck will call for bulky articles.

We desire that this general plan operate for this drive and also that it continue until further notice to function from time to time as materials are available to be brought in and as need requires to be again taken out.

Here is a practical way for all to help those whose need is greater than our own. "He who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Faithfully your brethren,

EUGENE HILTON.  
W. GLENN HARMON.  
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

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part. Speaker and Board members have been invited from the M. I. A. General Superintendency and Board and the four-day cavalcade promises a wide variety of interesting activity.

Tentative plans to date have Saturday, May 27, as registration day and to get acquainted. Sunday will be spent in Inspirational conference, with business and discussion groups with an outstanding Sunday evening program. Monday will be spent in special entertainment or at the Fair, with Tuesday climaxing the celebration with a Field day and box lunches.

Committees have been working for some weeks and since Oakland Stake is host, many of the Saints here will no doubt be contacted to help provide sleeping quarters and accommodations for our many visitors. According to present indications more than 500 young people are being planned for. At a preliminary

meeting last month at Sacramento there were more than 100 present, showing the great interest that is being taken in the movement. More details will be announced as they develop.

## RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

Union meeting for all Relief Society officers, ward and Stake, will be held on the third Friday of each month at 1:30 p. m. in the Oakland Chapel at Moss and Webster Street.

As a closing festival to the year's work, we will hold "Relief Society Exposition Day," May 26th. Beginning at 4:00 p. m. the Stake Board will hold open house to the public and at 7:30 p. m., the work and business department will stage a fashion show, parading and modeling articles of clothing made by women of this department. The fashion show will be followed with a synchronized program of four departments with a musical background. On the same day will be held a Mormon woman's handicraft sale. This is not for the benefit of any ward or organization, but to assist individual women who do lovely creative work. Contact your ward president for rules governing this sale.

Regular ward conferences for Relief Society will be held as follows:

Alameda, April 23; Dimond, April 23;  
Richmond, April 23, Claremont, April 23;  
Hayward, April 23, and Vallejo, April 30.

special dance numbers were under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hansen.

The success of this ball was a fitting climax to the M. I. A. social season. The friendly and sociable spirit, demonstrated that the M. I. A. slogan, "Love Thy Neighbor," is being practiced wholeheartedly. Homer Cockrell and his orchestra proved very popular, with his high class, melodious and rhythmic music.

## WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

APRIL, 1939

## Your House in Order

We are living in a world of uncertainty. What the future holds for any of us we cannot foresee. Life itself is uncertain. How long we are to retain it no one knows. The part of wisdom indicates that we should be prepared at all times as far as we can be for any condition which may confront us. Our houses should be in order.

Three considerations seem pertinent in this connection:

1. Is your house in order spiritually? Do you and the members of your family observe the spiritual laws of the Church? Do you have family prayer? Is the blessing on the food asked regularly? Do the members of your family attend Sacrament meeting? Do those who hold the Priesthood attend quorum meetings regularly and discharge their duties? In these and other ways are you growing and developing spiritually and following the commandments of the Lord?

2. Is your house in order physically? Is your home well-kept? Is it attractive to the members of your family? Is it as comfortable and convenient as your means will reasonably permit? Is it really a home as well as a house? Is it so arranged and maintained that the health of your family is protected? Do the members of your family observe the laws of health and preserve their bodies from avoidable illness or accident? Is the Word of Wisdom respected as the word of the Lord to His people and as a divine law of health?

3. Is your house in order financially? Are you living within your means? Are you putting yourself in line for the blessings the Lord has promised by the payment of tithing? Are you carefully considering the advice of the General Authorities before going into debt for things not actually necessary? If you are now in debt are you making every possible effort to free yourself of it? Are you sharing with your neighbor, if and when you are able?

Note: It is not intended that these questions should be asked of the families visited with the idea that they should be answered to the Teachers; neither is it intended that the Teachers should pry into the private affairs of those visited. The purpose suggested is to call attention to the questions, by reading them if desired, and then leave the suggestion that each family give serious consideration to them in their own way. The principal purpose is to start each family thinking seriously of the question—"Is my house in order?"

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC LAUNCH  
CAMPAIGN FOR WARD AND  
STAKE BUDGET PLAN

With the approval of the First Presidency a Church-wide campaign is being conducted by the Presiding Bishopric to bring about adoption in all wards of the Budget plan for financing ward maintenance, recreation and other necessary ward expense.

In a statement issued by the Presiding Bishopric, the following reasons are given for adopting the Ward Budget Plan and the accompanying suggestions are made for putting it into operation:

"Reports from wards where the budget plan has been adopted and is now in operation show that this definite and systematic method of providing a revenue for ward purposes distributes ward expense, develops a broader activity field, and does not become a burden to any. In most wards an average of one dollar a month per family will meet all requirements. It has proven to be a very satisfactory plan. We recommend it.

"It is important that this subject be given careful consideration in all its details before the plan is put into operation.

"It should be made clear that the Budget Plan is to raise funds for current operations and ward indebtedness and does not in any manner affect tithing, fast offerings, missionary farewells contributions, or other similar items. (See definite suggestions herein.)

"In many wards it has been in operation for several years and wherever sound budgeting principles and business-like methods have been followed, it has proved to be uniformly successful.

"It is urged that bishoprics give early attention to the matters presented herein and that the budget plan be inaugurated at the earliest possible date.

"A stake budget plan, based upon the same principles as the ward plan is also recommended. The amount required by the Stake should be apportioned among the various wards and included in the ward budgets. It is necessary that the Stake budget be prepared in ample time for the proportionate amounts to be included in the ward budgets."

"THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC."

## WHY THE BUDGET SYSTEM

1. It presents an opportunity for a more business-like, orderly and systematic method of handling ward affairs.

2. It provides a more economical plan for ward families to contribute to ward expenses and gives an opportunity for ward executive officers to buy ward supplies and administer ward affairs more economically.

3. It provides a wise and fair distribution of ward expenses among all ward members.

4. It eliminates the constant sale of tickets, announcements in public gatherings, and appeals for funds, "benefits," etc., which break the morale of Church service.

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5. It obtains a greater attendance at ward functions without expense of advertising and creates better ward morale and spirit.

6. It gives greater opportunity for more time and effort to be given in the planning and excellence of presentation of ward events.

7. It gives greater opportunity to carry forward the Church philosophy of recreation—recreation for boys and girls and men and women and not for revenue.

8. It gives opportunity for us to keep undesirables from our social gatherings.

9. It provides recreation for the worthy poor.

10. It saves the bishopric and other ward officers time and effort.

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a chapel for Berkeley. When the San Francisco Stake was organized in 1927 he became second counselor to Bishop Wilcox, of the Berkeley ward. About a year later he became the Bishop and presided over the people of Berkeley about seven years. The Berkeley chapel was constructed while he was Bishop, and later he served as chairman of the Organ Committee who in a large degree are responsible for the fine Chapel organ.

Of late years he has been the teacher of the High Priests Quorum of the Stake, meeting with high success in this field.

Funeral services took place in the Berkeley Chapel Sunday at 11:30 a. m., and were under the direction of Bishop A. D. Ericksen, who was the Building Chairman while Brother Dunyon was Bishop. Musical numbers were rendered by the Berkeley choir. The opening prayer was rendered by George Southgate and the benediction by William T. Hicken. The speakers were Bishop Ericksen, President Hilton, Reed S. Gardner, Denzel C. Allen, and J. Edward Johnson. His remains were interred at Sunset Cemetery.

## STAKE PRIMARY PLANS FESTIVAL

An excellent representation from all wards was in attendance at the monthly Union meeting held March 15th.

The Discussion class of the Primary Stake Board officers was held at Annabelle Hart's home March 20th at which time Lucile Ream was the guest of honor. Lucile is taking a temporary leave and Marie Rock is filling her position. Delightful refreshments were served after which Mavis Humphries conducted the class.

All Primary Stake Board and ward officers are busily engaged with the Primary Spring Festival, called "Happy Hearts," to be held April 29th at 3 p. m. in the Berkeley ward recreation hall. All parents from all the wards are cordially invited to attend this gala occasion. The children in their display of colorful costumes will represent flowers, vegetables, rain drops and rainbows, as well as the King and Queen and all the members of their kingdom.

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## CLIFFORD BAGLEY SENDS GREETINGS TO OAKLAND STAKE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: President Eugene Hilton is in receipt of a very interesting letter from Elder Clifford Bagley, Oakland Stake Missionary laboring in England. The letter was particularly interesting to President Hilton as Elder Bagley is laboring in the very district from which his four grandparents came as converts in the early days of the Church. Elder Bagley says:)

"Dear President Hilton:  
"Your letter of January 18th was received and I can assure you that I appreciate it greatly. I enjoy very much hearing about the growth of the Stake and sincerely hope that it might continue to progress as it has in the past. . . . I wish that every single young man and woman could have the opportunity of fulfilling a mission as they will find that this time is the happiest time of their life and is the time of their life that they will be the closest to God. I am sure that I could never find words that could express the happiness and joy that I have found doing this work. The Lord has blessed me exceedingly since being here and I'm truly grateful to Him for it. . . .

"Sports have played a wonderful part in breaking down the strong prejudices against us. We have received some very excellent newspaper articles on our sport activities. Also we have been shown on the British newsreels several times.

"In winter we have a basketball team and on various occasions have played before large audiences. In London we have played before crowds of two and three thousand. . . . During summer we play baseball in the major league. Last year we won the National Championship of the British Isles, which is indeed an honor. Our attendance here ranges from two to five thousand, and it is through this sport that we have done the most good. . . . The Lord has certainly been with us in our games and I've had some experiences in sport that have certainly strengthened my testimony.

"Last month I was appointed District President of this district and this position along with my other work seems to keep me on my toes all the time. . . .

"May the Lord bless you as the Stake presidency and the members of the Stake as well in the wonderful work that is being accomplished there."

Elder Bagley enclosed several clippings from British newspapers. One article says, "Whenever one meets these Mormons, one is made instantly conscious of their abundant health and envious physique. All are splendid specimens of virile manhood and a tribute to their stern code of living, (they are total abstainers) and to the great game of basketball, of which they are wonderful exponents."

THE MESSENGER joins President Hilton and the people of the Stake in sending best wishes and congratulations to Elder Bagley in the splendid work he is doing.

## MALE CHORUS ACTIVE

On the evening of March 14 at the Presbyterian Church at 26th and Broadway, The Mormon Male Chorus sang a group of six numbers on a program sponsored by an organization of the younger married group within the church. The Chorus was well received and were invited to join the group later in the evening for refreshments. A return engagement was requested. About 250 were present.

March 16 the Townsend Club of Walnut Creek held a social gathering for their membership and friends. The chorus furnished the entire evening's entertainment; they sang several groups of songs. Elmer Jensen, Afton Stout and Olin Lewis were the featured soloists. A very appreciative audience of about 300 were in attendance.

## MARTINEZ YOUTH MARRIES IN TEMPLE

Kenneth Skidmore, Martinez, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Skidmore of Delta, Utah, and Lora Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Black, also of Delta, were married in the Manti Temple on February 27. The ceremony was performed by President Young of the Manti Temple.

After the marriage the young couple spent some weeks in Utah, where they were entertained, and where they visited with their friends and relatives. Mr. Skidmore is Superintendent of the Martinez Sunday school at the present time. They will make their home in Martinez where Kenneth is employed with the Shell Company.

## SPECIAL RAILROAD RATES TO CONFERENCE

A special rate of \$17.95 for a round trip has been arranged for church members wishing to attend the April conference in Salt Lake City. Trains on which this rate will be good leave at 8:35 a. m., April 5th, and 9:40 a. m. on April 6th. Departure must be made on one of these days to take advantage of the rate, but the return may be at anytime within 20 days. These rates are available only if 15 or more take advantage of them. For reservations and additional information, call Leo H. Crandall at ALameda 6939-W.

## STAKE AND WARD WORKERS EXCELL

The Oakland Stake Presidency has received a letter of congratulation from the First Presidency on the splendid work accomplished in the sale of the Improvement Era. Oakland Stake ranks number two in the A division, which is composed of the larger Stakes in the church. Stake and ward workers are to be congratulated on this fine achievement.

The Oakland ward Deacons have received a Standard Award from the Presiding Bishopric for their outstanding work in the past months. The award is the first of its kind to be received in our Stake, and is given for excellence in efficiency and service. The Oakland ward Deacons are to be congratulated, as well as the Oakland ward Bishopric and Mr. Harry Fletcher, supervisor for Aaronic priesthood work in Oakland ward, for the fine piece of work that is being done there.

## WARD NEWS

### ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Paine went to Utah for the M Men basketball play-off.

Mrs. A. Schipper recently spent several weeks in Ogden, Utah, with her family.

Mr. O. Lowe and wife from Afton, Wyoming, are visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Warren Staley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Allred, with mother and daughter, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Staley.

We held another one of our three ward dances March 31st. Everyone present had a fine time and many went home with valuable door prizes.

Miss Pearl Crossley of Los Angeles spent a few days with Miss Bea Stock.

Mrs. Tom Phillips' mother and aunt, who are Utah's oldest twins, were recent visitors at the Phillips home.

We want to congratulate the M. I. A. on the fine presentation of the play, "Only Me."

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Cheney and family back into our ward. They recently returned from Idaho.

Mrs. S. A. Young of St. Charles, Idaho; Mrs. B. Irwin of Laketown, Utah, and Mrs. G. Cross-

ley of Smoot, Wyoming, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stock.

Miss Bea Stock and Miss Helene Brummett gave a wedding shower for Miss Renee Schipper at the home of the bride-to-be. The wedding will take place next month.

## PITTSBURG

Services Held in American Legion Hall on E Street

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs on their new daughter, born at Antioch February 18th.

Junior Burton and Douglas Hinckley were baptized in Oakland on February 18th.

Several members of our ward were present at the Stake Conference in Oakland on Sunday, February 26th.

A special meeting of the Relief Society officers was held March 3rd. Matters of importance were discussed and suggestions for improvement made.

We are sorry to report that a fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Obrien at Oakley. No one was injured however. A shower was given Mrs. Obrien by the Relief Society ladies, to replace articles destroyed. An offer was also made by the priesthood to furnish the labor to rebuild their home.

An anniversary party was held at the home of Mrs. E. Hinckley in Pittsburg on March 16th. The retiring officers were the honored guests. They were entertained by poems, music and readings. Dainty refreshments were served, green being the popular color for St. Patrick's Day.

## BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The adults of Berkeley ward celebrated St. Patrick's Day by a "circumference" party in the recreation hall. Dancing was enjoyed, after which refreshments in the form of foot-long hot dogs were served. The party was under the sponsorship of the Melchizedek Priesthood and the Genealogical Society.

The Relief Society held their annual party on March 16 in Berkeley. The program consisted of a talk by Mrs. Eugene Hilton, a reading by Janet E. Ames, and songs by Mrs. David W. Cummings, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Rachel Ball and Mrs. Sarah Banning were in charge of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Anderson, of Price, Utah, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson of Berkeley. They are here to see the Fair. Mr. Anderson's father, Mr. N. W. Anderson, has also been visiting here.

The Senior Class of the M. I. A. have been having a series of forum discussions each Tuesday night under the leadership of David W. Cummings. Mutual officers invite anyone interested in discussing things of current interest.

Sunday evening, March 12, Professor Herbert E. Bolton, head of the history department of the University of California, spoke on the Pan American Peace Conference 'at Lima, Peru. Also on the program were selections by the choir, a piano solo by Wilma Gilmert, and a vocal quartette consisting of W. King Driggs, Royal Minson, Harold Hanson, and LaVarn Thomas. The program was under the direction of the Deseret Club.

Mrs. George S. Boyack, of Delta, Utah, is spending a few weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, President and Mr. W. G. Harmon. Mrs. L. W. Taylor, of Salt Lake, has been visiting with her son, Weston Talyor, of Berkeley.

Troop 8 recently received a ten-year award from the National Scout officials, for completing certain requirements set by this group. The award is quite a distinction, and Berkeley ward is very proud that the troop should get it.

The Berkeley Camp No. 1, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, will hold their next meeting April 17 at the home of Mrs. W. Glenn Harmon, 793 Cragmont Avenue.

## CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley

Mrs. D. W. Rawson has just returned from a trip to Long Beach to visit her daughter.

At our Sacrament Meeting, March 5, the Bee-Hive Girls gave a very fine program under the direction of their leaders, Cleone Rogers, Georgia Erickson, and Lucille Jeffries.

The Claremont ward M. I. A. cast of "White Collars," gave their final performance in the Dimond Ward Hall, March 18, following successful presentations at Berkeley ward on March 11, and at Oakland ward on March 11.

The cast included Maurine Carr, Harold Gaisford, Lynn Kloefer, Cherril Lowry, James Kay, Jane Lowry, Gordon Jones, Jack Milward, LaVine Merrill, Lois Doran and Betty June Cummings. The production was directed by Margarite Kloefer, Norma Lowry assisting with the properties. At the Dimond presentation we were honored with a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nielson.

On March 16, Claremont ward held a party in honor of the founding of Relief Society, which was combined with a farewell party for Bishop Charles C. Carr, who recently resigned from the Bishopric. A program was given under the direction of Miriam Ellsworth. The Relief Society and the M. I. A. were in charge of the party which was arranged by Bishop Reed Chase. Lorna Burchall was in charge of the tables and dancing. LaVern Gaisford, the dinner, and Don Woods was in charge of the community singing. Bishop Carr and his wife were both presented with very lovely gifts.

Miss Eleanor Jost is here from Utah visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jost.

Appearing at the Oakland Auditorium Arena for the second time since the first of the year, Mary and Francis Nielson sang at the President's Ball. There were seven thousand, five hundred people present to hear these Latter Day Saints sing.

Mrs. Fannie Fullmer of Roberts, Idaho, spent a week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nielson, and seeing the Fair. With Mrs. Fullmer were here daughter, Carol, and her son, Mack, with his bride, who are honeymooning here.

## MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

Mrs. R. T. Wadsworth of Ogden, Utah, is visiting at the home of her son, Claude H. Wadsworth.

A surprise party was given at the Roskelly home, March 17, for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Skidmore. A large number of the ward members were present.

The Bluebird girls of the Primary, held their second flight March 3rd, at the home of Juanita Roskelly. The girls entertained their mothers with a fine program after which refreshments were served.

President and Mrs. Hilton were speakers at our Sacrament Meeting, March 19th.

Mrs. Mernie Bunce, former member of our ward, is recuperating from an operation. We extend our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Jess Farr and Timothy Morley of the Stake Sunday School Board were visitors at our Sunday School recently.

We were pleased to have five members of the Primary Stake Board as visitors at our Primary, March 18th. They were Annabelle Hart, Esther Cooley, Theresa Simms, Annetta Wood and I. Smith.

Mrs. Mary M. Robison has returned to her home in Rexburg, Idaho, after spending the winter at the home of her son, L. G. Robison.

Our Priesthood project of plowing and planting a portion of the ground of the church site is well under way. The plowing has been completed and planting will be done in the very near future.

## HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Hayward ward held its second anniversary Tuesday, March 21st. Fifty children of primary age were entertained during the afternoon. The evening social was attended by one hundred and twenty adults.

Dancing was the main feature of the evening when the Relief Society held its anniversary party on Tuesday, March 14th. A good crowd was in attendance. Three of the original members of Hayward's first Relief Society were honored.

Isaac Ball spent Sunday, March 12 at the home of Bishop Stewart and family. He gave several patriarchal blessings during the day and spoke at the evening services.

J. Livingstone, first superintendent of Hayward Sunday School, and family are here from Oregon to attend the funeral of Mr. Livingstone's mother.

## VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Sacramento and York Streets

Vallejo ward is very happy to add two new members to its rolls, with the baptism on March 4, of John Sparks and Mervin Wagner.

Sunday morning, March 5, we were pleased to welcome to our Sunday School, Stake President Eugene Hilton and his Counselors, Glenn Harmon and Clyde Summerhays. This was the first time we had met at our new location, 2010 Marin Street, where we will be pleased to welcome all Stake and ward visitors in the future.

On March 12 the evening speaker was John R. Smith of Berkeley, who was accompanied by Mrs. Smith. Those present received a real spiritual feast.

Parley Pierce of Salt Lake City was greeting friends in Vallejo ward. He gave an interesting talk Sunday evening.

At the Mutual Sunday Evening Service the Bee-Hive Girls, under the direction of Marjorie Lewis, gave a delightful program.

Eight officers and teachers of Vallejo ward Relief Society attended Union Meeting Friday, March 17, and enjoyed the birthday party which was given by the Stake Board after the regular class work.

Stake Sunday School Superintendent Francis Gealta, and Ruth Gealta, Stake Kindergarten instructor, were visitors at Sunday School March 19th.

## ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

Honoring the outgoing Bishopric, Leo Crandall and Peter Borup, the Alameda ward held a ward reunion and homecoming Monday night, March 6th. An ice cream festival and table program began the evening's entertainment, followed by a one hour floor show. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing. Mr. Crandall and Mr. Borup were each presented with a copy of The Combination Book of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price, as a token of remembrance from the ward. Each member of the ward present autographed the books. All arrangements were under the supervision of the ward M. I. A. Lou Seavers, President of the Young Ladies, acted as the hostess for the evening, and William Clayson, master of ceremonies.

The annual anniversary party of the Relief Society was held at the home of Lorene Powell, March 14th. A desert luncheon was served followed by an interesting program and games. MaRee Meuter and Lorene Powell were hostesses for the afternoon.

The Boy Scout troop enjoyed a swimming party at Hayward Plunge under the direction of Scout Master Wallace Liddle, and Leo Crandall.

The M. I. A. wants to thank the Alameda ward for the splendid support given at the Green and Gold Ball, making it possible for our lovely queen, Miss Maurine Christensen to be crowned Queen of the Ball.

The Sunday School gave a farewell party March 20th for Joseph and Annie Harmon, as they are leaving our ward for Idaho Falls.

Don Stevens went to Utah to visit his mother who is very ill.

Leo Crandall went to Ogden and Salt Lake for a few days, then on to Portland where he was joined by Mrs. Crandall. We wish to extend our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schaeffer for the recent death of Mr. Schaeffer's mother.

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## DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The annual March 17 party of the Relief Society was a costume party in keeping with Pioneer days. The program consisted of appropriate numbers by Erva Miller, Rose Weiland and the Dimond ward Quartette. Community singing was led by Ruth Gealeta followed by a one-act play entitled, "Results." The Stake was represented by President Anna Ellsworth, Ruth Hilton, Ada Linblad and Ruby Addis. Former President Sarah Carruth was also present. During the dancing, Permelia Bassett was voted to represent the organization as "Miss Relief Society."

The Farewell party for Ralph Lauper is to be given Friday, April 7th. Ralph is leaving for a mission in Denmark.

Lucille Morgan and Reed Hunt were married at the home of Clare Hunt in Alameda on March 11th. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Stewart; the reception following was attended by more than eighty guests.

With special funds raised in various ways, the Relief Society have purchased a fine piano for their rooms.

The Dimond ward Choir under the direction of Aaltje Johan, together with twelve young boy sopranos and the Dimond ward quartette, furnished the music for the March 26 Sacrament meeting of Sunset ward in San Francisco. The boys gave one number, "Beautiful Savior," with the choir as a background.

No activity of the Primary Officers is more fruitful or pleasant than their regular monthly officers and teachers meeting. The February meeting was held at the home of Nita Van Noy, the other hostesses for the day were Teresa Simms and Mable Kitzberger. The March meeting was held at the home of Kathryn Dorius. She was assisted by Hazel Segerstedt and Mildred Olson. A part of the afternoon was devoted to repairing costumes for the Spring Festival, April 29th.

Dorothy Kilner and Elaine Kimbal sponsored a delightful party for Ralph Lauper at Elaine's home Saturday evening, March 18th. Thirty-five guests were present. Ralph was showered with many lovely and useful gifts.

Nita Van Noy has had as her house guests for the past few weeks several relatives, including her brother, Dow Lewis and his wife, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jones from Lewiston, Idaho, a brother, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Lewis from Burley, Idaho, have also been guests at the Van Noy home.

Helen Payne and baby daughter have spent several weeks in Provo with her mother, Mrs. Electa Dixon. Mrs. Dixon's many friends will be happy to learn of her speedy recovery.

Relief Society President Ruth Shurtliff has announced the yearly Conference to be held this year on April 23rd.

## OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The Relief Society held their anniversary party Tuesday, March 14th. Mrs. Lethe Tatge gave a book review on "Lorna Doone," by Blackman. A luncheon was served, buffet style.

Mr. Harry Fletcher, who has been in the Veteran's Hospital at Fort Miley for the last three weeks, will return home the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Margaret Rea is at present visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Urnsbach, at Fresno.

Mr. Carl Baldwin has been chosen second counselor to Glenn Elliott, of the Genealogical Society.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Merwine, Hayward, a daughter, February 15.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Johnson, Oakland, a son February 1.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evenson, Martinez, a daughter, February 6.  
To Mr. and Mrs. N. Brown, Elmhurst, a son, February 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Pittsburg, a daughter, February 18.

## BLESSINGS:

Ronald Lawrence Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Johnson, Oakland, March 5.  
Patricia Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Warren, Martinez.  
Loretta Jean Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaGrande Cook, Martinez.  
Daughter for Mr. and Mrs. L. Partington, Elmhurst.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Marchant, Elmhurst.  
Patricia Rae, Berkeley, March 5.  
David Richard Owens, Claremont.  
Wayne Alvin Brossard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Brossard, Dimond.  
Barbara Jene Ernschaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Winn Ernschaw, Dimond.  
Janis Kay Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willard Brown, Dimond.  
Robert Wm. Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wm. Mikesell, Dimond.  
Marlene Joyce Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Smith, Dimond.  
Maureen Joan Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Smith, Dimond.  
Chloe Ann Fernsten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Fernsten, Dimond.  
Raymond Wesley Cobbler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green Cobbler, Dimond.  
William Gary Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Willard Robbins, Dimond.  
Bonnie Jean Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Ivins Clark, Dimond.

## BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Richard L. Manful, Elmhurst.  
Ramon Douglas Wilson, Elmhurst.  
Raymond Allen Schader, Elmhurst.  
Margaret Ellen Schader, Elmhurst.  
Ruth Gladys Schader, Elmhurst.  
Richard Eugene Schader, Elmhurst.  
Barbara Ann Elmer, Elmhurst.  
Constance Day, Elmhurst.  
Carrine Day, Elmhurst.  
Don Robison, Martinez.  
Gerry Ericksen, Berkeley, March 5.  
Junior Barton, Pittsburg, February 18.  
Doughlass Hinckley, Pittsburg, February 18.  
John Sparks, Vallejo, March 4.  
Mervin Wagner, Vallejo, March 4.  
Howard Joseph Ruff, Dimond.  
James Willard Call, Dimond.  
Marion Ellidridge, Dimond.  
Eileen Mathews, Dimond.

## ORDINATIONS:

Robert Springall, Hayward, Priest.  
Gordon Wells, Hayward, Deacon.  
Robert Ellis, Hayward, Deacon.  
Phillip Teeples, Hayward, Deacon.  
Joseph Brown, Oakland, March 12, Teacher.  
Ralph William Ridge, Martinez, Deacon.  
LaGrande Cook, Martinez, Elder.  
Everett Smith, Martinez, Priest.  
James McFarlane, Elmhurst, Deacon.  
James Leavitt, Elmhurst, Deacon.  
James R. Nielsen, Vallejo, Deacon.  
Lawrence Galsford, Claremont, March 19, Priest.

## MARRIAGES:

Lora Black of Delta, Utah, and Kenneth Skidmore of Martinez, February 27, Manti Temple.  
Geraldine Young and John Sharp, in Berkeley, March 5.  
Irene Humphries and George Ray Sumston, in Oakland, March 20.  
Myra Wood and Orville Cale, in Oakland, March 11.

## DEATHS:

Phares W. Dunyon, Berkeley, March 23.  
Mrs. Jennie Livingstone, Hayward, March 19.

The Junior Genealogical Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philips, March 19th.

The Family Relations class of the Relief Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Rulon Doxey.

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